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SUBJECT: COREPER DISCUSSIONS ON PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE:
A BRITISH REPORT

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1. A SOURCE AT THE BRITISH PERM DEL HAS GIVEN US ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE SEPT 4TH DISCUSSIONS IN THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) RELATED TO THE PRODUCER/ CONSUMER DIALOGUE.

2. THE BRITISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, SIR MICHAEL PALLISER, MADE A STRONG PITCH THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST DEVELOP A COORDINATED SUBSTANTIVE POSITION RELATED TO THE DIALOGUE BEFORE GETTING "BOGGED DOWN" IN TACTICS OR PROCESS. PALLISER URGED AN EARLY MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON ENERGY TO ADVANCE THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE ITALIANS WANT MIGLIUOLO TO CHAIR THAT MEETING AND HE IS STILL IN NEW YORK, EARLIEST DATE WHEN GROUP MIGHT MEET WOULD BE SEPT 12 OR 13, AND THIS STILL NOT CERTAIN. UK ARGUED THIS WOULD OFFER MINISTERS (MEETING SEPT 15 AND 16) LITTLE TIME TO DIGEST GROUP'S WORK AND THUS DIMINISHED CHANCES

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FOR PROGRESS BY THAT TIME.

3. PALLISER ALSO REPEATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S STAND THAT THE UK IS NOT YET READY TO AGREE ON THE REPRESENTATION OF THE EC AT THE MEETING OF THE GROUP OF TWENTY-SEVEN, SAYING THAT THE UK COULD NOT CHANGE ITS CURRENT POSITION OF SEEKING ITS OWN PLACE AT THE TABLE BEFORE POSITIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY AND MEET WITH THE FULL APPROVAL OF HMG.
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